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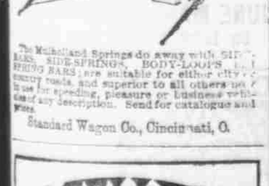

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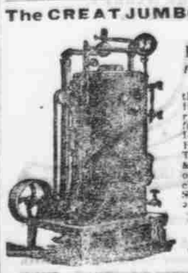

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This is almost too much. Cecil grows as red as a rose and bites her lip. Ronnie turns as if bent on annihilating their enemy then and there; but Mrs. Rivers checks her by saying blandly—

"You know all about him, of course, Major Jervis. His father was a great friend of yours, I believe."

"Ye-es," says the Major, so doubtfully, that Ronnie and Cecil both decide that the late Mr. Craven suffered him more than he regarded him.

"Have any of you seen his place yet?" asks the Major, turning as if instinctively to Cecil. She colors hotly.

"We have been hardly anywhere yet; the weather has been so terrible," replies her mother, coming quickly to the rescue.

"Splendid old place," says the Major—antique, picturesque—pure Gothic, you know, and all that sort of rubbish! The drawing-room is a study in mediævalism, and the old china is priceless."

"Oh, yes, those beautiful old Queen Anne cups with the tiny gold tracing!" exclaims Cecil, leaning forward, and forgetting in her eagerness all her words may convey to the Major.

"Eh? What!"—suspiciously. "I thought you said you had not been there. Then how did you see the china, Miss Cecil—eh?"

"I heard of it," replies Cecil, blushing nervously.

"Heard—eh? Very accurate description from mere hearsay."

"Really, Major," says Mrs. Rivers, half smiling, yet wholly angry, "Cecil will not be pleased with you if you doubt her word. Some day we are all going over to see those wonderful things. Mr. Craven has kindly expressed a wish that we should go and look at the old place."

"Ah, yes, no doubt!" growls the Major. "Not that I think it would be an advisable step on your part, my dear madam. If you will allow an old friend of the family to give his opinion on this subject, I should say young ladies are better out of bachelors' quarters! They are hardly suitable for young unmarried ladies, I should think. Better at home, eh? But, of course, my dear madam, you are the best judge of all that."

"Yes, I think so," returns Mrs. Rivers, a little haughtily; but this terrible old man is not to be rebuked.

"No offense," he says. "A word in season, you know; and—er—my young friend Craven is rather a gay fellow—nothing very much against him, you know, my dear madam, only young men will be young men to the end of the chapter! Ha—ha!"

His words mean nothing, his manner a great deal. A vague shadow as of coming grief falls upon the heart of Mrs. Rivers as she turns almost instinctively to look at her pretty Cecil.

Her pretty Cecil is looking utterly unconcerned, and is simply regarding Major Jervis with a glance suggestive of indifference and contempt. Mrs. Rivers sighs, and wonders inwardly whether she is doing a wise thing in allowing this acquaintance with Jessie Craven to ripen into a friendship—nay, into something that may prove even warmer than friendship, and more capable of bearing fruit either of joy or sorrow—what if it should be sorrow? After all, what do they know about this young man Craven? He has fallen into their lives by the merest chance, and is literally unknown to them, save that the fact that he is of good family and has a house and some considerable property. Of his character or his usual habits they have learned absolutely nothing. And even now is not the Major throwing out hints of a most unpleasant nature about him?

Meanwhile Ronnie is cross-questioning Major Jervis about Craven Court.

"Yes, it is a capital place," he says, "but draughty—very, and haunted into the bargain."

"Haunted! How delicious!" Cissy cries, clasping her hands. "Do tell us all about it, Major?"

Whereupon the Major, who dearly loves the sound of his own voice, gives them a most extraordinary account of his pursuit of Cecil on that memorable evening now more than a week ago. He has hardly finished his highly colored recital when, to the surprise of all, Craven again enters the room.

"I really must beg your pardon," says the young man, blushing ingenuously. "But not until I had reached home, Mrs. Rivers, did I remember about that address for which you so wished. I have it with me now. As I was going to Carbery"—a village some three miles away—"I thought I might as well drop in again and leave it with you."

"Much better," answers Ronnie, graciously.

"Ah, Major; knew I should find you here!" says Duke, genially. "I hope you are making yourself agreeable."

"What an absurd question!" cries Ronnie. "When is the Major anything else? Just now, too, he is making himself more than usually charming, because he is telling us ghost-stories. Think of that!"

"Just that little adventure of mine the other evening," says the Major, airily. "Nothing much, you know; but of course it is something to have been face to face with a real ghost."

"Something! Everything!" exclaims Cecil. "Weren't you frightened to death, Major?"

"Not I, indeed! By Jove," he says, looking fixedly at Cecil, "I have it! There was a certain familiarity about that ghost that puzzled me at the time; I thought it resembled somebody, but could not make out whom. Now I know. It was you."

Mrs. Rivers looks a little nervous, and Cecil and Craven break into merry laughter, instantaneous and irrepressible.

"I think it is very unkind of you," says Cissy, presently, with a little laugh, "to compare me to a horrid ghost!"

"But the figure was marvelously like yours," persists the Major, in a puzzled tone, "and the side-face too."

"The story grows more thrilling every instant," observes Ronnie. "I do hope, Cecil, that you will not imitate your ghostly fetch and dissolve away into a gentle dew."

"Don't you feel very uncomfortable, Miss Rivers?" asks Craven, addressing Cissy.

"No—rather flattered than otherwise. A very little more thought on the subject would make me imagine I was the actual heroine of the story the Major has so kindly told us."

"Well, I must be going," says the Major, rising. "You will come with me, Craven?"

"I am going to Carbery," returns Craven, evasively.

"So am I," says the Major, determinedly; and so, sorely against his will, the young man is compelled to rise from his comfortable lounge, and follow him.

CHAPTER VI.

A month has flown swiftly by. Already the earth is whispering of spring, the trees are budding, the grass is throwing out fresh green shoots; and, indeed, all Nature is lifting up its head and rejoicing as "Spring come up this way."

To Cecil this past month has been one of intense happiness; to Ronnie one of unrest, though perhaps not altogether painful. Sir Sydney Walcott has been abroad, summoned there to attend the death-bed of a rich relative, but his letters have not ceased, and, though calm as the first she received from him at Branksmere, have been at least undeviating in their constancy.

Mrs. Rivers, however, has been seriously uneasy. The hint dropped by the Major about Duke Craven's not being all one could desire in the way of steadiness has lingered in her mind ever since, and tormented her by day and by night. This doubt, too, has been confined perforce to her own breast, as the Major returned to town the day after he had sown the seeds of distrust in her breast, and to Cecil or Ronnie she would not talk on such a subject.

Craven's evident admiration for Cecil is apparent to all eyes—so apparent that Mrs. Rivers longs daily for the hour that will see him present himself as her open suitor. But that day has not yet come, and misgivings oppress her in spite of her determination to have patience and let things take their proper course.

By nature a nervous woman, she is now doubly so, on account of her dependence upon her uncle, Sir Gregory. She would gladly see her girls married comfortably and beyond the power of any whim of his to hurt them. She is anxious, too, about Cecil. The girl, she can see, has given her whole heart to this acquaintance of only six weeks. She is blindly, utterly happy when with him—which is dangerously often—and plainly trusts him entirely.

Just now Craven is with her in the drawing-room, and both are standing in the big bay-window counting the pretty snowdrops that are coming up one by one. Duke is not talking. He is, indeed, almost deaf to what Cecil is saying, so rapt is he in contemplation of her own fair self.

She is dressed in a gown of dark-brown velvet, trimmed with coffee-colored lace at the throat and wrists, and is looking more than usually pretty. Presently she becomes aware that he is not listening to her, and turning to him, tells him so, with a pretty show of petulance.

"I confess my crime," he says, quickly, his voice full of eager passion. "How could I think of anything but you when you are opposite to me? Your voice, indeed, is sweet; but your eyes are even sweeter. No, I heard nothing. I could only see."

"See what?" she asks, with an attempt at gayety, though she has grown a little pale because of his manner, which is strangely unlike his usual calm self.

"You, my dainty—rief"—my darling!" he whispers quickly. The words come from him almost involuntarily; he is not unconsciously too he takes her hand and holds it closely. Cissy colors faintly, and then grows even paler than she was before.

"Why do you call me that?" she says. "Why? You have no right to—no—"

He interrupts her by a gesture, and draws her even nearer to him.

"Give me the right," he says eagerly. "You know—you must know by this time—that there is nothing in the world I love so well as—"

"Major Jervis," announces a servant at this supreme moment, throwing wide the drawing-room door.

With a smothered exclamation, Craven lets Cecil's hand drop, and, turning aside, goes through the open window on to the small veranda outside, which by stone steps leads to the ground. Descending these, he goes quickly out of sight, but not before the Major has had time to catch a glimpse of his departing coat-tails.

"Hum! hah!" says the Major. He has hardly had time to return Cecil's somewhat cold greeting when Mrs. Rivers and Ronnie enter the room. There are signs of very distinct irritation about the Major. He blows his nose somewhat effusively, and refuses to look in eyes true those of anyone else present. "I think I saw Craven going out of that window just as I came in," he says, staring at Cecil.

"Yes," she returns, slowly; her mind is still full of Duke, and she is wondering what it was exactly that he was going to say when interrupted by this troublesome old Major.

"He didn't expect me down to-day," the Major goes on. "Thinks me safe at home at this moment, no doubt."

Again he looks at Cissy, as if expecting her to answer. He is in truth curious to know if Duke saw him coming or heard him announced by the servant, and, if so, whether he ran away to avoid the horn of having to speak to him.

"He will be all the more delighted to see you at the Court, of course," says Ronnie, ironically. "Surprises of that sort are so pleasant!"

"Quite so," and the Major directs a withering glance at her. "Fact is, I hardly knew I was coming down myself until this morning. But business must be attended to, you know. Business for the first especially—ha, ha! I've come indeed to carry Craven back to town with me. I bring a letter from his cousin, Lady Maud Esterdale, demanding his immediate attendance."

"Who is this Cousin Lady Maud?" asks Cecil, quickly.

"Oh, don't you know?" inquires the Major. "It's not quite settled, I believe; but—"

"What is not quite settled?" demands Cecil again. She is quite calm but deathly pale.

"His marriage," says the Major, quietly. It is true that he shifts a little uneasily in his seat as he says this, and refuses to lift his eyes from the carpet; but nevertheless he says it.

A dead silence ensues—a silence short in reality, but of intolerable length to some in the room. Then Cecil laughs—quite a natural little laugh, too; so natural, indeed, that both her mother and Ronnie turn involuntarily to look at her.

"He is rather a scamp in some ways," continues the Major, in a genial way. "Now if you asked him about this marriage, it is as likely as not he would deny all knowledge of it, and declare he was never further from matrimony in his life. But don't you be taken in by him. He is a disgraceful fellow in the way of flirtations; makes love all round, you know, to every woman he meets, and makes some of 'em believe him, too. But he's not a bad young fellow at heart. No, no—far from that. But this marriage now will be a good thing for both of them; she with title, he with money."

"A charming arrangement indeed!" says Cecil, without so much as a quiver of her eyelids.

"Well, it is rather premature yet to speak about it," pursues the Major. "Craven mightn't like it, you know; so don't mention my name in the matter as having been the one to tell of it. You see, he is such a great friend here that I dare say he will wish to be himself the first to tell you of it."

"Of course he would like to tell us himself," returns Cecil, smiling calmly. "As you say, he is a great friend of ours, and he knows we will be glad to hear of anything likely to add to his happiness."

The Major watches her closely as she makes this set little speech, and she as closely returns his fixed gaze. Then, with a somewhat troubled and baffled expression on his face, he rises and bids them "good-bye" for the present. When the door has shut behind him, Ronnie turns vehemently to Cecil.

"I don't believe one word of it," she says hastily—"not one! He looks as if he were telling a falsehood."

"I saw no trace of falsehood either in his look or tone," answers Cecil, in a strange tone, "nor as for the rest, I believe every word he said."

She moves toward the door; her mother, with tears in her eyes, rises as if to follow her, but with a gentle gesture the girl prevents her.

"I want to be alone, mamma," she says entreatingly, "just for a little while; I shall be all right then. But there is one thing you can do for me," she cries, breaking suddenly out of her terrible quiet. "Never—never—mention his name to me again!"

Poor Mrs. Rivers is thoroughly cast down, and Ronnie scarcely less so.

"How shall we receive him if he calls to-morrow?" asks her mother, when poor Cecil has crept away from them up to her own room to cry her heart out on her bed.

Just as if nothing had happened. Cecil, of course, will not appear. I will make her go for a walk at that hour, so that we can truly say she is not in. Mamma, if only for Cecil's sake, do not let him see we care about this thing."

So the next day, when Craven calls at his usual hour, Mrs. Rivers is as nearly as possible the same to him that she has been during the past month. Perhaps some subtle change in her manner might be noticed by a very acute observer, some vague irrepressible shrinking from all more open cordiality; but beyond this her demeanor is perfect.

As for Ronnie, she is a degree more sad than angry. She maintains an almost utter silence; but every now and then Craven, glancing at her, wonders vaguely why her eyes are so large and mournful, her whole manner so full of an uncertain depression.

His wonder on this point, however, is indeed vague, as his whole mind is filled with a longing to see a particular lounging-chair near the fire occupied by a little lissome figure whose smile is won to beam at him, half roguishly, half with a tenderness not to be described. Where is she now—his little sweetheart?

"Where is Miss Cecil?" he asks at last, unable to restrain his impatience any longer.

"She has gone for a walk, I think," replies Mrs. Rivers, stooping to poke the fire.

"Let me do that for you," says Craven, taking the poker from her. "She has gone to the garden, perhaps." He is kneeling on the hearth-rug, and is looking very earnestly up into Mrs. Rivers's face, with his pleasant honest eyes.

"I think not—certainly not—she did not say exactly where she was going," returns Mrs. Rivers, evasively.

Ronnie at this sighs audibly, and Craven, turning, looks at her sharply. Something in her expression evidently strikes him as being peculiar, but he says nothing, and presently turns the conversation into another channel.

"I have a friend coming to stay with me next week," he says—"a friend of yours, too, I think. I met him in London, and he almost asked me to invite him down. He said he knew you all very well."

"I dare say. We lived some years in town," responds Mrs. Rivers, indifferently. "One gets to know so many people there."

Ronnie evinces no curiosity either about the new arrival at the Court; so Mr. Craven goes on—

"I'm rather sorry he is coming just now, as I am bound to be in town in the morning, and sha'n't be able to be back for a fortnight. I am afraid therefore he will have only a slow time of it."

He rises to go; as he does so, Ronnie rises too, and follows him into the hall.

"I think," she says, in a tone that falters slightly—"I think Cissy went in the direction of the beech-wood."

Before he has time to thank her for this hint or wonder at the strangeness of her manner, she has disappeared; and, somewhat puzzled, Craven makes his way toward the wood she has mentioned.

Just as he enters it, he encounters Cecil coming toward him, her head slightly bent, her face rather paler than usual.

"How d'ye do?" she says, quite calmly, but without an accompanying smile. She lets her hand lie in his unsympathetically, and then draws it away almost before he has time to know it was there.

"I was unfortunate to-day. I thought I should have found you within"—with an attempt at cordiality, though some inward misgivings have cast a shadow on his usual light-heartedness.

"For the future, I think you must not expect always to find me in," she replies, with a faint smile.

"Why?" he asks, astonished at her whole treatment of him.

"Because winter is at an end, and the fine weather tempts one to go out," she says, coldly.

"For that reason one loves the fine weather," he returns, striving against his growing anxiety. "May I not sometimes accompany you in your rambles?"

"No, I think not. When I go for a walk in these quiet woods, I prefer my own company to any one's. A strange fancy, and rather egotistical, is it not?"

"It is very unlike you"—gravely; then, unable to control his uneasiness any longer, he says, anxiously, "What has happened that you treat me like this? What have I done to you?"

"Done to me?"—haughtily. "Nothing!"

"I am going to town this evening, Cecil, I shall not be back until—"

"I must ask you not to call me 'Cecil,'" says the girl, quietly, and with a certain amount of dignity. "I must always be 'Miss Rivers' to gentlemen-acquaintances."

"Am I only that? Only an acquaintance?"

There is a world of reproach in his tone.

"Yes, only that"—remorselessly.

"And yet yesterday—"

"Do not speak of yesterday!" she exclaims, putting up her hand impulsively, as though to ward off something that is hurting her.

"As you will, of course," he returns, in a tone nearly as cold as her own. "I have no claim, of course, to be considered even a friend. May I say good-bye to you, and let you finish your walk in peace? I am going away this evening."

"Where are you going?"

"To my aunt—Lady Eton."

"Ah, to your cousin, Lady Maud!"

"Yes, if you like. Who was telling you of it? The Major?"

"Yes, the Major. He told me everything."

"I don't know when I shall be back."

"Soon enough, no doubt. What are you going for—the wedding?"

"Yes, for the wedding." He speaks in a very low, depressed tone, because of her cruel coldness. To her his depression means only shame at the discovery she has made.

"When is it to be?" she asks, slowly.

"Next week."

"So soon? It is sudden, is it not?"

"Not very; I have known of it for some months."

"You knew of it before we came here?"

"Oh, yes; long before that! I wish you knew Maud—she is a very nice girl, and I am sure she would be a great friend of yours."

"I am equally sure she would not. I hate nice girls!" says Cecil, with sudden and most unlooked-for vehemence.

"Surely they are better than nasty ones, at all events!" he returns, somewhat aggrieved.

"I don't know. At all events"—defiantly—"I don't care to hear anything more about either you or Lady Maud."

Silence follows this outburst—a silence that lasts until they reach the small path that leads to the avenue.

"I think you are hardly kind to me," he says then, gently. "And I don't understand you at all."

"No"—in a very low tone—"I don't wonder at that. There are times"—bitterly—"when I can not understand myself. Well, shall I say then that I wish your Lady Maud joy?"

"Thank you. I shall give my cousin that message," he answers, gravely; then, holding out his hand, "Good-bye."

"Good-bye"—stonily.

"I shall not see you again for some time," Craven goes on, wistfully.

"Don't let that trouble you," she returns, with a little heartless laugh that certainly has no mirth in it.

"Does that mean that you do not care ever to see me again?" he demands, his face darkening.

"It means whatever you like," she answers, icily, though at this moment she would have given half her life to be able to fling herself into his arms and cry her heart out upon his breast.

"No; you shall tell me what you really mean now—at once!" he declares, sternly, compelling her to face him. "Is it that you honestly hope never to see me again?"

"Yes, that is my honest hope," she returns, calmly, her face deathly pale.

"Ah!" He draws his breath quickly, and for a moment his own face rivals hers in pallor. "You shall not be bored by me in the future," he says, slowly. "I shall not trouble this part of the world much again as long as it shall please you to remain in it."

So saying, he turns from her, and, with bitter anger in his heart, strides rapidly through the woodland, and is soon lost to sight amidst the shadows of the coming night.

CHAPTER VII.

A miserable week, fraught with bitter grief for Cecil and even bitterer disappointment, goes slowly by. No one has said a word to her about her faithless lover, no one has even ventured to mention his name in her presence; but just now, when she and Ronnie are standing alone in the pretty morning-room, Ronnie goes up to her and places her arm around her neck. The girl is impelled to do this because of the forlorn expression upon Cecil's face, and her disconsolate attitude. She is leaning against the shutter of the window, and great tears are shining in her mournful eyes.

As Cecil does not repulse her, Ronnie is emboldened so far as to lay her soft cheek against her sister's; and, being still further encouraged, as no rebuff has followed on this overture, she whispers, tenderly—

"Do not be so sad, darling. It will be better by and bye. Time cures all things."

"Has it cured you?" asks Cecil, with a little catch in her breath.

"Nearly, I think," replies Ronnie, with a heavy sigh that belies her words.

"Do you mean to tell me"—glancing reproachfully at Ronnie—"that you have ceased to long and hope and pray, for Sydney's return?"

"I think so—I hope so," answers Ronnie. But as she says this there are tears in her voice and eyes.

"It is not true," says Cecil, regarding her fixedly. "You love him still in spite of everything."

"Why should I love him?" demands Ronnie, with much agitation. "Why should I let one thought of him find harbor in my breast? He has forgotten me—has rubbed me out of his life without even a passing pang. I hope," she cries earnestly, "I shall never see Sydney Walcott again."

"Sir Sydney Walcott," announces a servant, almost as she ceases speaking, and then both girls become aware that the door is open, and that the young man upon the threshold has in all probability heard every word of Ronnie's passionate little speech.

Cecil, advancing to cover her sister's confusion, greets him kindly. Ronnie, who has turned first pale and then red, and finally pale again to the very lips, comes toward him now, and gives him her hand in silence; then, summoning all the courage she possesses to her aid, tells him in a conventional tone that it is really quite a pleasure to see him again.

His remark is so palpably insincere that the young man she addresses forgets to make any immediate reply, and only stares at her in a reproachful fashion.

He is of middle height, with a quiet, kindly expression, and a manner pleasant, if a little languid. When they have all seated themselves, he makes no attempt at promoting conversation, and even while answering the questions put to him appears very far away from them all in spirit. It is quite evident to Cecil that his thoughts are elsewhere, and that he is in the very lowest of low spirits.

Presently she rises, with the expressed intention of seeking her mother, and, in spite of a beseeching glance from Ronnie, deliberately quits the room.

Almost as the door closes behind her, Sir Sydney, rising from his seat, goes over to the hearth-rug, and standing opposite to Ronnie, leans his arm upon the mantel-piece and gazes down upon her.

"I hope Cecil will not return for some time," he says, slowly, "because I have a great deal to tell you. What was it you were saying just as I came in? That I had forgotten you—rubbed you out of my life—eh?"

"Well, was it not true?" asks Ronnie nervously, twining her fingers idly together.

"There could hardly be anything less true; but let that pass. You said also—if I remember rightly—that you hoped you would never see me again. Was that also true?"

"If you won't believe me in one instance, I suppose you won't in another," says Ronnie, evasively. "And yet I think—it ought to be true."

"Well, it isn't," returns Sir Sydney. "I don't believe a word of it. I won't, so you need not say it again." Then, suddenly—"I've been abroad, you know. My uncle is dead."

"I am very sorry," begins Ronnie.

"Don't be. I'm not," answers Walcott, calmly. "He was as disagreeable an old beggar as any one could possibly meet. However, I forgive him. He died—and left me all his money."

"I congratulate you," says Ronnie, icily.

"It is a case for congratulation, certainly," he replies, coolly. "And yet something is lacking to me that damps all my prosperity. That time last spring, when we were in town together, I was miserably poor. Nobody knew it, I think—at least, I hope I didn't look poor. But there were any amount of debts that should have been paid off, incurred by my—Well, never mind that; I paid them—they were debts of honor; but the paying crippled me so much that I was afraid to ask you to marry me in those days. Now I am not. I have got the title, you see, and the estates, and—and that."

"The title!" repeats Ronnie, in a low tone.

"Yes. My uncle was Earl of Errington, and there wasn't any son to inherit. That was my luck, you know."

"I suppose I ought to tell you again how glad I am of your—"

"Say nothing of the kind; say only you are glad to see me. Ronnie"—with an utter change of tone—"my dearest love, tell me you will marry me as soon as you can."

When Mrs. Rivers and Cissy came into the room, a few minutes later, they find Ronnie standing on the hearth-rug with Lord Errington's arm round her, and a smile upon her mobile lips that has been absent from them for many a day. A few words explain everything, and then the future Countess is caressed and made much of by her mother and sister for a little while.

"I had no idea that you were the friend who was coming to stay at the Court," says Mrs. Rivers, presently, smiling at Errington.

"No? Didn't Craven tell you? I chose a rather peculiar time for my visit," he adds, with a little laugh—"just when Craven was about this wedding."

"Yes, yes," says Ronnie, in an agony. In vain she tries to think of something to say that will turn the conversation into another channel.

"Very pretty girl, Lady Maud," he goes on, unsuspecting; "and enormous fortune. I think myself she is rather throwing herself away upon McGregor!"

"Upon whom?" asks Ronnie, breathlessly. Cecil, who has placed one hand upon the back of a chair to support herself, is looking at Sydney with all her soul in her eyes.

"McGregor," he repeats carelessly. "He's a sort of distant cousin of hers, and really nothing much in any way. But she likes him, and has married him—the wedding took place on Thursday—in spite of every one."

"This is dreadful!" says Ronnie, in a frightened tone. She would perhaps have said a great deal more; but Errington with a smothered exclamation, goes quickly forward, and catches Cecil in his arms. She has not quite fainted, but for a minute or two is compelled to lie passive in his arms, her breath coming and going in little fitful gasps.

After awhile she opens her eyes, and tries to smile, and murmurs feebly that it is only the heat—nothing more; that she is very foolish, and so on.

"You are not foolish, and it is not the heat!" cries Ronnie, with tearful indignation. "It is only that hateful Major!"

After this, everything is explained to Errington, who looks as concerned and is really as distressed as any one could possibly desire.

"Do not let us talk any more about it, Ronnie," says poor Cecil, at last. "It is all over, and it was all my own fault, and I will not have Sydney worried about my grievances. I shall go for a walk in the beech-wood and try to leave my troubles there behind me."

She smiles a little wintery smile as she says this, and, softly beckoning to her mother, they both go out of the room, leaving the lovers alone.

Down the bare leaf-strewn path goes Cecil, her mind full of bitter thoughts. Entering the wood, she strays deep into it, thinking always of that last day when she was there with him, and when she had so wilfully put from her the one chance of happiness she most desired. Two tears spring into her violet eyes and linger there. They do not fall, but shine like twin stars in the last beams of the sinking sun.

So he has now reached the very spot where last she saw Craven. Up to this she had been walking with bent head; but now, lifting her eyes, she looks around her. As her glance slowly travels from tree to tree, her sadness increases. Now she is looking wistfully at the little babbling brook in the distance, and now at the mossy hillock beyond, and now—

Who is that coming toward her? Her heart stops beating for a moment, and then throbs frantically. It is Craven, looking pale and worn, and full of dejection. As he sees her, he checks himself for an instant, and then comes resolutely onward. Flinging away the cigar he has been smoking, he stops just before Cecil. He does not offer to shake hands with her, but stands regarding her fixedly.

"You!" he says at length. "What has brought you here?"

"I don't know; I wanted to come here—I—" She feels a little choking sensation in her throat, and stops, unable to proceed.

"I didn't mean to come back again so soon," says Craven, who has never once removed his eyes from her face, while she, on the contrary, has not had the courage to lift hers to his.

"I thought you meant never to come back," she answers in a low, husky tone.

"So I did—but"—bitterly—"you see I could not help myself; you ought to be proud of that, ought you not?"

"Oh, do not speak to me in that tone!" she entreats, at last letting her eyes meet his, and he can see the heavy tears lurking in their soft depths.

"How would you have me speak to you?" he asks, reproachfully, but not so coldly as a moment since. "When last we met you scorned my advances, and told me that you hoped never to see me again; and that, too, at a time when I was consumed with a desire to tell you how I loved you—how that every thought of my heart was yours."

"Ah, if you could only understand," she murmurs desperately.

"Understand what?"—eagerly. "Cecil—speak to me, tell me what you mean."

"Major Jervis said you were going to be married to your cousin, Lady Maud," says Cecil, in a stifled tone.

"The old scoundrel," he mutters. "Was that why you behaved so cruelly to me on that wretched afternoon?" he asks presently, when his wrath has somewhat subsided.

"Yes"—shyly.

"And—and now you know the whole truth—do you love me, Cecil?"

"I do"—still more shyly.

"My dearest heart!" murmurs Craven; and then somehow she finds herself in his arms with her head against his breast, and knows that she is utterly and entirely happy.

"What misery I have endured since we parted!" says Craven, after a little while. "It is quite a year ago now; isn't it?"

"A year! A week," she corrects, lifting her brows.

"Oh, nonsense! It might be a century at least," he says. "Well, you shall never know what unhappiness means

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THE suggestion that ground hog day ought to be declared a legal holiday, should receive the serious consideration of the next Legislature.

MRS. MARY BLEEKER SEYMOUR, relict of the late ex Governor Horatio Seymour, died on Monday last at the residence of Mrs. Roscoe Conkling, in Utica, N. Y. Mrs. Seymour was in delicate health when her husband died at Mrs. Conkling's less than a month ago.

EX-GOVERNOR CURTIN evidently don't subscribe to the doctrine of civil service reform. The other day while a member of Congress was making a speech the ex-Governor interrupted him by asking the question: "If Republican partisans in office are not to be succeeded by Democratic partisans, what do we hold elections for?"

THE President last week nominated James C. Matthews to the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia to succeed Frederick Douglass. Mr. Matthews is a colored lawyer and a Democrat and resides in Albany, N. Y., where he has met with a large share of success in his profession. Mr. Cleveland knew him personally and so did Mr. Manning, Secretary of the Treasury, and they concluded that of the four or five colored applicants for the place Matthews was perhaps the most competent, and on the ground of their knowledge of his fitness his name was sent to the Senate.

GEN. JOHN F. MILLER, one of the Republican U. S. Senators from California, died in Washington on Monday last, after a protracted illness. He was in the fifty-fourth year of his age, was a native of Indiana, and acquired distinction and high rank in the army during the civil war. His term would have expired, had he lived, on the 4th of March next. Gen. Stoneman, the present Governor of California, is a Democrat, and will, of course, appoint a member of that party to succeed him. A new Legislature will be elected in California this fall and next January it will elect a Senator to serve for six years from the 4th of next March.

BRIGADIER GENERAL A. H. TERRY has been nominated by the President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of General Hancock. The new Major General, who is a native of Connecticut, entered the service at the beginning of the late war as Colonel of the 2d Connecticut volunteers, and in April, 1862, was made a brigadier genereral. His record during the war was conspicuous, his daring and successful assault on Fort Fisher being the most marked feature. Soon after the close of the war he was transferred to the western frontier, where he distinguished himself as a successful Indian fighter. He is one of the most popular officers in the army and his promotion will give general satisfaction.

THE spot on the battlefield of Gettysburg where General Hancock was wounded is marked by a wooden post. It is proposed to place there an imposing granite bowlder, on which shall be inscribed the simple fact that there, on the 3d day of July, 1863, General W. S. Hancock was wounded. As this wound was received by a Pennsylvania soldier, in command that day of three army corps, while in the act of repelling the final charge of the Confederate army, and as that repulse saved Pennsylvania from invasion and Philadelphia from possible occupation by an enemy, it is deemed fitting that this work should be done by Pennsylvanians, and especially by Philadelphians. The anticipated cost is but $500, and it is proposed to raise the amount by 100 subscriptions at $5 each.

THE pension appropriation bill passed the lower branch of Congress on yesterday week by a vote of 241 yeas to 1 nay. Where there was such complete unanimity of opinion on the subject it is hard to understand why three weeks' time should have been consumed in discussing it. A singular feature of the debate, but not a new one in Congressional affairs, was the part played by two members from Ohio, Messrs. Warner, Democrat, and Grosvenor, Republican. They discussed long and loudly the personal interference of ex-Commissioner of Pensions, Dudley, in the Ohio Presidential campaign of 1884. At length they became personal, offensively so, and if the one-half that each said of the other is true, they are certainly a nice pair of Congressmen. Just before the final vote was taken, however, they both apologized and said they didn't mean anything at all by the denunciation of the other that each had indulged in.—And this is the stuff that some Congressmen are made of.

SIMON CAMERON was 87 years of age on Monday last and quite a large number of people called upon him at his residence in Harrisburg to congratulate him on the event. He was in good health and received his visitors in the most cordial manner. During a conversation with some of the gentlemen present reference was made to the vote of his son, Don Cameron, for the Fitz John Porter bill in the Senate Military Committee. "A great wrong has been done to General Porter," the old man remarked, "and Don has always voted to repair it. When the war began and the facilities for transporting troops were meagre my son was President of the Northern Central Railroad. A large proportion of the troops were sent to Washington through Harrisburg, and the shipment of them entailed considerable labor. As Secretary of War, I sent General Porter to assist Governor Curtin and Don, and he labored assiduously and intelligently at the work. A friendship sprang up between them which has subsisted ever since. Porter has been gravely wronged and reparation ought to be made."

THREE investigations are now in progress into the truth of the charges made by the Philadelphia *Record* regarding the management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools. Ex-State Senator Geo. W. Wright, who is deeply implicated in the charges affecting four of the schools, is out in California on a tour of pleasure with Thomas V. Cooper, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, and a few other kindred spirits. When last heard from Wright, who had heard through the newspapers of the unpleasantness, was preparing to leave for Mercer county and is, perhaps, now standing on his native heath. Governor Pattison, accompanied by Attorney-General Cassidy, spent two days last week and Monday and Tuesday of this week in making a pretty thorough personal examination into the condition of the school at Mount Joy, in Lancaster county, and it can be stated in a general way from what they saw and from the statements of the children in the school, that the story as told in the *Record* was neither extenuated nor was aught set down in malice, so far as that institution is concerned. The Governor and Attorney General will extend their examination to the remaining schools.—Dr. Higbee, who is Superintendent of the schools as well as the common schools, has also been doing some investigating at the Uniontown and Mercer schools, and has addressed a lengthy letter to the Governor which amounts to a general defense of the management of the schools. He is very clear, however, in his belief that Wright's shameless letter to the manager of the Mount Joy school requires some explanation from its author. Dr. Higbee evidently feels that he is in a very tight place in connection with his supervision of the schools and that the result of the inquiry will be likely to seriously affect his fitness for the position he occupies.—The Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic has also entered upon the discharge of its duties as an investigating body. It is estimated that Wright and his partners in the management of the Mount Joy school pocketed *thirteen* thousand dollars out of the appropriation for that school during the past year. When these investigations are concluded and if the facts disclosed justify it, as they now promise to do, a terrible example ought to be made of every man connected with it, commencing with Wright, Paul, Pearson and Gordon, who seem to be the chief operators in the iniquitous business.

GEORGE F. EDMUNDS delivered a speech in the United States Senate a few years ago, when a Republican President occupied the White House, in which he said: "It is cause enough for me, sir, Constitutional cause, when the President of the United States, acting if he is honest, as he always must, upon a conscientious sense of his responsibility to the people and to God, chooses to send in one man's name for a place that another holds." Sound as this doctrine was then and still is, it suits Mr. Edmunds' crooked political purposes to stand up now in the Senate, a Democratic President being in power, and tell the country that if Mr. Cleveland, "acting on a conscientious sense of his responsibility to the people," suspends a public officer, the Republican majority in the Senate will refuse to confirm his successor unless the President will furnish the Senate with the papers on which the suspension was made. This is a claim of power by the Senate over removals from office by the President which has never heretofore been recognized, and Mr. Cleveland in defense of his Constitutional prerogative resists it to the bitter end. In his special message to the Senate last week the President asserts his right in the premises in the following clear and emphatic language:

"While, therefore, I am constrained to deny the right of the Senate to the papers and documents described, so far as the right to the same is based upon the claim that they are in any view of the subject official, I am also led inequivocally to dispute the right of the Senate, by the aid of any documents whatever or in any way save through judicial process of trial on impeachment, to review or reverse the act of the Executive in the suspension during the recess of the Senate of Federal officials. I believe the power to remove or suspend such officials is vested in the President alone by the Constitution, which in express terms provides that the executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America and that he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.' The Senate belongs to the legislative branch of the government. When the Constitution by express provision superadded to its legislative duties the right to advise and consent to appointments to offices and to sit as a court of impeachment it conferred upon that body all the control and regulation of executive action supposed to be necessary for the safety of the people, and this express and special grant of such extraordinary powers, not in any way related to or growing out of general Senatorial duty and in itself a departure from the general plan of our government, should be held, under a familiar maxim of construction, to exclude every other right of interference with executive functions."

NEVER before in the history of this country were strikes so numerous and widespread as they are to-day. They manifest themselves daily at points remote from each other and without any apparent concert of action, and embrace so many different kinds of labor that it may almost literally be said that the workingmen of the whole country are on a strike. On the railroads in the south-west operated by Jay Gould 8,000 men are on a strike; in New York 4,000 carpenters and joiners; in Cumberland (Md.) coal field 5,000 miners, and here, there and elsewhere thousands of other men of various employments have quit work and are waiting for a solution of their demand for an advance in wages or for a reduction in the hours of work. Is there any remedy for this unprofitable condition of labor or is it likely that one can be devised? We confess our inability to answer the question. The matter is a puzzle to Mr. Powderly himself, a level-headed, sensible man, who holds the highest position in the organization of the Knights of Labor. That many of the strikes are ill-timed and without any adequate cause he distinctly asserts by saying: "If many of the men who are striking would display a little more common sense and use a little more patience, they would get all they are striking for and save their time and money in the bargain." The labor question is a deep and difficult one and a vast deal of human forbearance must be exercised if it is to be settled on anything like satisfactory terms.

BISHOP O'FARRELL'S LECTURE.

An immense audience thronged Steinway Hall, New York, on last Sunday night a week, to hear the lecture of Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, on "Ireland's Rights and Claims." The object of the meeting was to raise funds for the relief of the families of the poor fisherman who live on the west coast of Ireland. Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York *Sun* presided, who, after returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him, introduced Bishop O'Farrell, who said:

"It is not often that a Catholic Bishop comes forward on a public platform in this country. His duties are confined in a great measure to the sanctuary and to the teachings of religion. But there are times and there are causes which are so important that the Bishop must leave the sanctuary and volunteer to sustain the cause of justice and of truth. It is under these circumstances that I come before you to-night to plead the cause of sacred charity. I come to you in the dress of a Bishop that you may understand that I bring not only my personal feelings to the cause, but that I pledge the responsibilities that I feel from my sacred office to the cause that I advocate here to-night.

"The object of this lecture, as has been well stated by our distinguished Chairman, is to provide help for the starving fishermen who dwell in the islands that lie off the western coast of Mayo and Galway. That object alone would justify our coming here to-night, and to justify this great gathering of generous people of New York.

"The case is a pitiful one. It is well calculated to touch the heart of every Christian man. But it has been so well presented in the columns of the New York *Sun* (applause) that I need scarcely to dwell upon it. It is one of the fruits of a deadly evil that pervades Ireland. I do not admit that the starvation of these fishermen was necessary. It could and should have been prevented by the fishermen of Ireland. I shall ask you to consider to-night the very root of the evil, so that we may pluck it up; so that it may never curse the soil. I shall speak in my lecture of famines that are worse than this.

"I was struck with the letters of Michael Davitt when he spoke of the fact that there were plenty of fish in the bays and waters near these starving people, but they had no boats to go out in and were compelled to live on the seed potatoes. There was a pitiful story of a poor woman who was compelled to ask the loan of a few shillings to go to Scotland for work, and she asked the doctor to give her something to dry up her milk, so that she could leave the nursing baby for a while.

"But let us consider the causes that have led to misery in Ireland. When we can remove the cause we shall prevent the effect. I am grateful to the entire American press for the interest it has manifested in Ireland's cause. I will even retract what I have said about the *Herald*, but, above all, before all, either in New York or Philadelphia, as an Irishman and a Bishop, shall I place the New York *Sun* above all. [Applause.] I am happy to offer to-night, as an Irishman and a Bishop, to offer to Mr. Dana my thanks for his noble appreciation and manly defence of the rights and claims of Ireland.

"Ireland is but a small nation, yet there is none in Europe that has so glorious a history; none that can trace more deeds of glory. She can show civilization of the highest order when the modern nations of Europe were barbarians. We have monuments of that civilization still existing—the oldest stone buildings of Europe. We have documents that have preserved the history of the times. Ireland was the land of the learning of the Druids, and her laws, that take us back 2,000 years, were never abandoned until the power of Elizabeth compelled it.

"Have you ever heard of a people who welcomed a teacher as St. Patrick was welcomed in Ireland, or who in such a way in one generation gave up their worship of superstition and paganism and became the most Christian nation in Europe? No statesman will ever undertake to remedy the miseries of a nation except by considering its life and history—its past life. Such a knowledge will explain how it is that, after 1,400 years of Christian life, the Irish people are as strong in patriotism as when their chieftains led them to battle.

"For 300 years Ireland alone of Europe kept alive the divine fires of religion and knowledge. There is scarcely a spot in our land that does not recall those glorious days. How many spots recall those happy days when the students of all countries were welcomed to Ireland, protected by the chieftains, and instructed by the priests! When a student in those days was long absent from home it was said, 'He has gone to Ireland,' and the remark was as significant as is now the remark about some men in our days. 'They have gone to Canada.' [Laughter.] Ireland was for 300 years the home of scholars and saints. Then for 200 years came constant invasion.—But even when the English and the French gave up, Ireland still maintained her independence, and in 1014 Brian Boroihme swept the Danish invaders into the Bay.

"Ireland had 1,000 years of independence before St. Patrick's time, and 700 years of independence after St. Patrick's time. But when the English invasion came Ireland was simply like a confederation without any central power. The English came as the allies of one clan to fight against another clan. It was unfortunate that Ireland did not realize that she was but one land rather than a collection of counties. It is a long stretch of time from St. Lawrence O'Toole to Archbishop Walsh, but I believe that as the one saw the chain of Ireland formed, the other will live to see it broken. [Applause.]

"There is no doubt that the dominion of the English was like a spear point embedded in the flesh of Ireland, which pained, though it could not kill.

"For four hundred years England did nothing for the advancement of Ireland. Then there were no colleges built. Then came religious dissension. Following this came the land hunger of the English. Whether Catholic or Protestant, the English were equally anxious to sieze the land of Ireland. The names of King's and Queen's counties in Ireland recall the memory of Catholic Queen Mary and her husband, and as a Catholic Bishop I tell you that we as Catholics have as much reason to detest the memory of that Catholic Queen as we have to detest the memory of her sister. The whole land of Ireland was taken away on the pretence that the chieftans had rebelled against the English Crown. The fact was that the land did not belong to the chieftans." Bishop O'Farrell spoke eloquently of Ireland's wrongs from 1632 to 1641, of the wiping out of a population of 640,000 souls, of the tyrranies of Elizabeth, of the outrages upon liberty, of the spoliation and crime that make Ireland's history. Then he showed how differently Scotland was treated under the Union; how Scotland had preserved to her her religion, her parochial schools and her trade, while Ireland was deprived of all these, and England waged her war of extermination against the "wolf, the Tory, and the priest."

"In 1699," he continued, "the law came that destroyed the great woollen trade of Ireland. There were 1,200 families in Dublin and 30,000 families in Ireland were made beggars by English laws. For seventy years famine was a constant visitor to Ireland; famine in 1703, 1705, 1728, 1743. Mr. Lecky's descriptions are vivid. Famine has been a constant visitor since the landlord system was introduced. In the famine of 1741 over four hundred thousand persons perished out of a million and a half. In the most fertile country of Europe the people could not find subsistence. Ireland continued in that state until 1775. [Applause.] The Irish volunteers started up to protect their country. Grattan rose to defend his country. He asked for a declaration of rights to free the Parliament of Ireland, and he made use of words that Parnell could adopt to-day.

"It was Grattan who said 'I know no species of gratitude that should prevent my country from being free.' [Applause.] 'Ireland asks nothing except what Great Britain has robbed her of,' [Applause.] What has Ireland gained by Union? Famine after famine has come upon the land. No nation ever prospered so much as Ireland during the years of her independence. But under English rule cattle have taken the place of men. What has England done in eighty-five years? She has given us coercion bills. She has imprisoned our noblest men. She has raised the taxes. She has despoiled her people. She has taken £36 000,000 of taxes out of Ireland. She has starved the Irish people. Since 1847 there has been a million taken from her population.

"Did the English pity the people who were dying? No. The London *Times* predicted that in a few years it would be as difficult to find an Irishman in Ireland as it is to find a red Indian in America. But outside of Ireland there are millions with the Irish blood in their veins whose hearts are beating for Ireland, and the best of all nations are with us, even as the chairman is with us to-night." [Applause.]

Bishop O'Farrell closed with an eloquent picture of the flattering prospect of the Irish cause to-day and an earnest appeal to all lovers of liberty to aid the cause in this critical hour of its need. He spoke throughout in a clear voice, keeping his audience in rapt attention, and was warmly applauded at the close.

The Secretary read a letter from J. W. Drexel enclosing $100, and a letter of sympathy from Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby. Then Bishop O'Farrell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dana, which was put by Mr. Eugene Kelly, and declared carried. Mr. Dana acknowledged the compliment by saying:

"If there be an American—I care not of whatever party, or whatever education, or whatever prejudice, or whatever hopes—if there is an American to whose heart the cause of free government in Ireland, and of self-government, is not dear and sacred, I denounce that man as unworthy of his country." [Applause.]

THREE Republican candidates for President—namely, Edmunds, Evarts and Logan—emulate each other in the Senatorial movement against the Constitutional power of the Executive to make removals from office. For the present Edmunds has slightly the start, but it will go hard if his rivals do not get ahead of him before the hunt is over. This combination recalls to mind the great triumvirate of Webster, Clay, and Calhoun against the executive power of President Andrew Jackson. The members of the old triumvirate were rival candidates for the Presidency, but they temporarily dropped their jealousies in a mutual dread of Jackson's popularity. The result of their warfare upon President Jackson is known to history. The warmest admirers of the three Senators who have opened a new campaign against the Constitutional power of the executive will hardly venture to compare them in ability, eloquence and popularity with the three Senators who were crushed in the conflict with Jackson. President Cleveland is not a Jackson, but he possesses firmness and courage, and he has like Jackson, the Constitution on his side. The ground of the present Senatorial assault on the Constitutional power of the Executive is somewhat shifted, but the issue is essentially the same as that which was determined against the Senate more than fifty years ago.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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—Calculations of the approaching comet, discovered last month, have been made by students of the John Hopkins University in Baltimore. They say that it will reach its greatest brilliancy on May 2, when it will probably be a very conspicuous object in the western sky after sunset. Their results do not, however, confirm the early conclusions of the German astronomers, which were based on only eighteen days of observation, that the comet will be visible all night. The comet will set two or three hours after the sun during the first half of May, and will then rapidly disappear.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—The Italian bee is said to be the gentlest of the various kinds and to work on a greater variety of plants than any other.

—In forming an idea what West means, it is stated that in the region west of the Mississippi 351 States the size of Massachusetts could be placed.

—They have a woman at the Paris circus that jumps from one horse to another while the horses are going around the ring in opposite directions.

—To encourage sleep, create an appetite, brace up the system, and to purify the blood, take the unfailing Hunt's [Kidney and Liver] Remedy.

—Billy Cook, who is 90 years old and lives at Spottsylvania, Va., has taken for his third wife Nellie Jackson, a colored woman, 25 years old. Mr. Cook is also colored.

—Efforts are still being made to discover the golden candlestick of Solomon's Temple which Titus carried to Rome in triumph, and which is supposed to be in the bed of the Tiber.

—An Indiana juror got tired the other night while the jury was out trying to reach a verdict in a Grant county case. So he crawled out of a window, went home, and was comfortably in bed when the Sheriff found him.

—Colonel Bryne, surgeon in charge of the hospital at the Soldiers' Home in Washington, has extracted from the neck of an old soldier a ball which has been there since the battle of second Bull Run, and was well encysted.

—Miss Lizzette Horbig, a teacher of German in the High school of Tiffin, Ohio, on Thursday of last week accomplished the feat of whipping thirty five boys, ranging from 9 to fourteen years, in thirty-five consecutive minutes.

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—Rev. Father Tabaret, principal of the Ottawa university, died suddenly on last Sunday week immediately after having said grace while dining with the faculty. He was one of the ablest theologians of the Roman Catholic Church and recently received from the Pope the pallium and degree of Doctor of Divinity.

—The Bound Brook train leaving New York yesterday week at 4 o'clock, P. M., made the very fast time of a mile in 48 seconds while running between Elizabeth and Bound Brook. This is running at the rate of 75 miles an hour. The feat was accomplished by Engine 165, Engineer John Rhodes and Conductor Walter Chambers.

—A Columbus, W. T., man and wife drove several miles to a grist mill carrying with them several sacks of corn and their child, which had a bad case of whooping cough. While the corn was being ground the child was kept in the hopper until the grain all ran out. They had heard that such treatment would cure whooping cough.

—A particular friend in Yokohama wrote to his correspondent in Plymouth: "Please to omit the word 'Esquire' at the end of my name, and direct thy letters to Jenkins Johnson without any tail." By the return of mail came a reply directed in precise accordance with the request of the particular friend, to "Jenkins Johnston without any tail."

—Pliny Martindale, of Kirtland, Ohio, is a well-to-do, but apparently very lazy, not to say heartless farmer. He had 300 sheep when winter set in, and plenty of grain and fodder, but the other day an agent for the Humane Society found 71 of the sheep dead, 40 being piled in the basement of one barn, and 23 in another, and others scattered about the place. They had all starved to death.

—Hattie McKay, daughter of Sheriff McKay, of Tuscola county, Mich., passed through Detroit one day last week on her way to Jackson prison. She had in custody Samuel Woodman, who was sentenced from Tuscola county for one year for assaulting his wife with a carving knife. The Sheriff is very sick at home, and Hattie, since his illness, has taken up and done much of his business. She was armed with a revolver.

—The drunkard is a burden to himself as well as his friends; but, since intoxication becomes a disease, it requires a remedy of no unusual activity. Those who have taken Simmons Liver Regulator declare that it sets the liver in action and invigorates the system in such a way as to destroy the craving for strong drinks. The shaky, nervous and distressed should resort to the Regulator as a tonic to arouse the torpid liver to action, to regulate the bowels and remove the feeling of general depression and with it the craving for liquor.

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TABLE of AGGREGATE VALUES of PROPERTY

IN CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA.,

As Shown by the Recent Triennial Assessment for County and State Purposes.

DISTRICTS	Land	Houses and Lots	Horses and Mules	Cattle	Cleomposition Hogs	Unseated Lands	Excess of Furniture	Pleasure Carriages	County Tax	Money at Interest	Stocks in Bks.	Bank plant, surplus	Bank plant, capital	Building and Loan Assns.	Bonds	Total
Adams Township	115,837	11,240	5,440	4,164	2,618	18,866	700	600	1,542 99	42 468		5	3	1		166 98
Allegheny Township	119,943	5,700	11,020	5,575	2,651			100	1,748 42	38 261		5	3	1		108 15
Barr township	52,895	2,814	2,767	3,518	1,205	920			924 25	20 122						84 81
Blacklick Township	49,805	1,560	2,685	2,412	1,196	1,300		145	778 80	7 891		1	1			66 31
Cambria Bor. 1st Ward	14,860	40,200	1,370	324	9,975			120	828 57	7 891		2				57 83
" " 2d "		90,047	40	372	12,910			10	1,251 34	15 122		2				48 45
Cambria Township	140,575	9,110	5,264	1,647	1,441	800	25	1,402 00	45 881			6				199 70
Carrolltown Bor	2,325	28 990	1,060	588	8 940			50	1,619 99	39 079		1				124 47
Carroll Township	128,999	225	6,395	3,792	1,890	409		50	1,619 99	39 079		1				119 24
Cheer Spring Bor	5,467	12,430	900	408	1,850			70	282 94	12 678		1	1			40 54
Chest Township	35,085	1,110	6,146	1,005	1,070	40 855		410	1,016 48	18 075		2	2			69 82
Clearfield Township	73,456	2,120	5,317	4,624	2,110	8 694		50	178 03	18 097		2	2			53 24
Conemaugh Bor. 1st W.		90,950	5,295	912	1,850		600		1,310 84	45 824	2500	9	15	4		52 43
" " 2d W.	7,050	202,473	2,130	372	15,080				2,772 04	21 853		2	10	3		76 99
Conemaugh Township	52,200	2,814	8,482	1,800	2,945	6,025	25	295	719 80	20 076		2				92 39
Cooperstale Bor	840	28,550	750	1,560	1,000			225	527 49	11 287		10	6	1		82 08
Croyle Township	56,029	48,760	4,508	2,880	8,842	8,409	200	305	1,463 17	15 183		5	3			28 51
Dean Township	75,874	2,204	2,035	696	1,125	30,699		70	1,463 17	15 183		5	3			28 51
East Conemaugh Bor	31,925	90 51	900	1,425	2,000			315	1,463 17	11 559	1000	12	8	2		49 44
Ebensburg Bor. East W.	2,182	32 510	2,425	456	4 398		2,385	75	644 76	70 462	500	12	8	2		208 59
" " West W.	205	78,922	955	324	6,720		4,675	445	1,121 51	70 462		29	18	8		906 78
Elder Township	30,830	1,373	4,195	1,584	2,210	4,185		25	547 69	17 959						84 06
Franklin Bor	9,000	47,740	415	595	3,250			125	741 00	6 250		2				29 14
Gallitzin Borough	23,575	89,655	2,500	1,392	12,205		500	25	1,558 95	30 588		14	9	11		146
" Township	88,168	7,020	4,191	1,140	2,215	10,540	50	245	1,558 95	30 588		14	9	11		139 73
Grubbstown Borough	47,675	90	850		2,350		500	75	847 82	1 846						8 78
Jackson Township	103,967	2,385	5,123	2,548	2,915	16,179		827	1,556 40	18 549		6	3			85 15
Johnstown Bor. 1st W.		204,420	3,740	168	10,350		1,120	1,500	2,882 64	492 787	150	15	11	3	1,000	89
" " 2d "		215,280	3,000	96	9,000		7,500	1,230	2,931 61	492 787		7	17	3	1,000	30
" " 3d "		212 848	3,095	216	15 910		4,920	910	2,826 58	127 264	450	14				425 58
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" " 5th "		117,904	2,184	156	5,975		3,495	75	1,803 84	92 220		12	10	2		289 98
" " 6th "		116,207	1,235	480	14,425			572	1,611 82	50 852		20	15	15		200 97
" " 7th "	250	68,840	861	432	8,824			100	945 69	24,110		6	5	5		82 74
Lilly's Borough	850	41,520	1,300	264	4,200		850	75	1,611 82	50 852						82 74
Loretto Borough	930	31,116	910	420	2,070			80	657 71	50 074		6	3			155 15
Millville Bor. 1st Ward		114,880	1,425	96	9,945			75	817 41	6 562		2				24 83
" 2d Ward	150	84,210	2,225	168	7,040				1,556 40	18 549		6				85 15
Munster Township	40,160	725	3,741	2,844	2,975			480	690

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, -- MARCH 12, 1886.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There and the Other Place.

—Wednesday next will be St. Patrick's day.

—For the best flour in the market go to the Sugar Bowl.

—Eggs are now selling at 15 cents per doz.

—If you want good bread buy your flour at Barkers'.

—For canned goods of all kinds go to the Sugar bowl.

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—For all kinds of groceries, fresh and cheap, go to the Sugar Bowl.

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—Mr. Bert. Scanlan, an employe of this place, has been on the sick list the past week.

—Buy your carpets, wall paper, oil cloths, window shades, and all such goods at Barker's.

—Ebensburg is to have two Normal Schools this coming season, one of which will open on April 19th and the other on April 26th.

—Sheriff Gray and Deputy Sheriff Blair took Edward Gordon and Aaron Walker to the Penitentiary this (Thursday) morning.

—General debility, female weakness, loss of vital power, Bright's disease, and nervous diseases, are speedily cured by Parker's Remedy.

—It is said that a hotel to cost $20,000 is to be built by the Pittsburg Game and Fish association on their grounds at the reservoir near South Fork.

—A Huntingdon county farmer prevents his hogs from taking cholera by keeping coperas liberally scattered around the feeding places of his swine.

—The borough auditors met on Monday night and adjourned until Tuesday next in order to give the tax collector a little more time to gather up the taxes.

—The lecture in the Catholic church at this place—subject, St. Patrick—will be delivered on Sunday, March 21st. Doors open at 6:30 P. M. Admission 25 cents.

—Mr. Dan. Kearney, a former passenger conductor on the P. R. R., is now, says the Pittsburg Leader, master of transportation of a California road at a salary of $5,000 a year.

—The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the widow of a soldier is entitled to receive the full amount of pension the soldier received during his lifetime.

—M. L. Blair, Alderman 5th ward, Scranton, Pa., stated Nov. 9, '83: He had used Thomas' Eclectric Oil for sprains, burns, cuts, bruises and rheumatism. Cured every time.

—Messrs. Mohn and Strawser shipped a carload of horses from this place on Tuesday last. They were purchased in the neighborhood, and were shipped to Lancaster county.

—A disease known as "black-leg" has taken out among the cattle in Blacklick township and is causing the farmers considerable loss. Mr. Philip Jones having lost five last week.

—Mrs. H. E. Jones is closing out a lot of winter dress goods very much under the regular price, also, a lot of remnants, consisting from two to five yards each, suitable for a child's suit.

—Mrs. Gantz, mother of Mrs. Francis Lovehill and a sister of Mrs. James A. Myers, died at this place, died at her home in Plumville, Indiana county, on Sunday last, aged about sixty years.

—Indiana county is to have a new jail, the Grand Jury having recommended the building of a new one at a cost not to exceed fifty thousand dollars. The old jail was built in 1840.

—The extraordinary popularity of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the natural result of its use by intelligent people for over forty years. It has indisputably proven itself the very best known specific for all colds, coughs and pulmonary complaints.

—A Grand Army post to be called after Col. Dick White is to be organized at Lilly's. A meeting held at that place on Thursday evening of last week the preliminary steps were taken, and in a short time the post will be fully organized.

—Better stop your cough while you can. Aided by nothing will do it. It is worth noting, that Parker's Tonic is the best known for coughs, colds, torpid liver, kidney troubles and weak lungs. You risk life in waiting. Take it while there is time.

—Gardner, the Tailor and Clothier, will be at the Mountain House, Ebensburg, Monday of Tuesday, March 22nd and 23d, with full line samples of piece goods, to make suits to order; also full line samples of ready made clothing for men, boys and children; also hats, shirts, collars, etc.

—If some of the young people of this town do not come to evil it will not be for the want of kind occasion." This remark is quoted to the friends of the two young ladies who indulged in a midnight ramble on Julian street last Tuesday night, after the party was over.

—A successful social hop was held at the Gallitzin rink, in this place, on Tuesday evening. It was under the management of the Young Men's Club, and invitations were extended only to the particular friends of the members. Music was furnished by the "Nobody Band."

—J. S. Barker & Bros. have made arrangements with a flour mill to take a share of their production, and by so doing are able to sell flour cheaper than heretofore, and at a lower rate than others can sell the same grade of flour. When you want flour you can save money by buying it at Barker's.

—Mr. George D. Pringle, the father of the boy whose death is noticed in another column, has been sick at his home in Wilmore, and his case was thought to be precarious, has somewhat improved. It is doubtful what sort of a fever that is afflicting the boy. They have the sympathy of the community.

—Mr. John J. Davis, of Cambria township, while working in the woods on his farm north of town on Wednesday last, was badly injured by being struck on the head by a limb that fell from a large hemlock tree under which he was working. He was badly injured that he had to be taken home, and at present he is unable to move from his bed.

—On Sunday evening last Mrs. Decia Hughes died very suddenly at her home in Johnstown. She had been in good health, and on Sunday morning went to church, where she received Communion. Sometime in the afternoon she laid down, and a short time afterwards some of the family noticed that she was a corpse. She was the wife of Evan Hughes, and was aged about 59 years.

—We read in another column Mr. George W. Keller, of Conemaugh borough, announces himself as a candidate for the nomination for Register and Recorder at the next Democratic primary election. Mr. Miller is a candidate three years ago, when he received a flattering vote; is well qualified for the office, and, if nominated and elected, will make a competent and obliging official.

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—The Johnstown *Tribune* says: Grasshoppers, as a rule, don't hop into notice in this region until the warm days of summer arrive, but for some unaccountable reason they are appearing earlier this year. Mr. Alvar Akers' little boys have been chasing them about their father's garden in Upper Yoder township for several days, and this morning Louie brought a few of them to town in a bottle to convince a few doubters of the actual arrival of the critters.

—Mr. J. W. Leech, Principal of our Public Schools, will open a Normal School in the Ebensburg Public School building, on April 19, 1886. The school will be conducted by Mr. Leech. He will be assisted by an able and competent instructor, whose name will appear next week. Certificates *will not* be granted to students at the close of the term. Special attention will be given to teachers. A full course of book keeping will be one of the features. Look for advertisement next week.

—Mr. David Farber, of Wilmore, is at the point of death. For years he has been a sufferer from an ulcer of the stomach, which has grown to such proportions as to render respiration difficult. On Saturday he had a severe attack, and his limbs became rigid. His wife, who was with him at the time, administered such relief as she could, without which in all probability he would have died. At last accounts he was resting somewhat easier, though his death may occur at any time.

—George Hagely, a young man about sixteen years of age, who resided with his grandfather, Mr. Jadoc Kohler, in Conemaugh township, and who was employed at the engine house of the Cambria Iron Company's blast furnaces Nos. 5 and 6, made a misstep on Saturday evening last, while working at the engine, and fell into the fly wheel, and was carried around two or three revolutions before the engine could be stopped. He was killed instantly and terribly mutilated, his head being crushed and one of his feet torn off.

—Charley Pringle, a sixteen-year-old son of Mr. George D. Pringle, of Wilmore, died on Sunday morning last. Some eight or ten days previously he was wounded in one of his legs by a table fork, thrown, we believe, by a younger brother, but nothing was thought of the matter, and the probability is that it had nothing to do with his death, though it was at first thought to have been the remote cause. On Thursday he had to leave school, complaining of feeling chilly, and his limbs and head swelled up, and, as his physician states it, developed typhoid symptoms, with the sad result above stated. The remains were interred in the U. B. cemetery on Monday.

—A horrible double murder and a robbery were committed on Monday last at the farmhouse of J. T. Everhart, near Licklingville, in the northern part of Clarion county, and nineteen miles from the town of Clarion. A boy in the family returning from school found Mrs. Everhart lying on the floor with her throat cut from ear to ear, and her mother, Mrs. Gilfillan, in a springhouse, also with her throat cut, and life extinct. The house had been ransacked and three hundred dollars taken. John T. Everhart is a well-to do farmer, and was overseer of the poor. He was absent from home on township business at the time. There is great excitement throughout the county

—On Monday evening as the Branch train was making its return trip, and when near Barkers' planing mill, at the east end of town, it ran in on a siding for the purpose of taking out a car load of lumber. While backing in, from some cause not exactly known, a freight car and two passenger cars jumped the track, one of the passenger cars turning over on its side. As they were running very slowly at the time of the accident, the engine was stopped before any great damage was done. One passenger, Mr. Joseph Kopp, of Chest township, an old gentleman about seventy years of age, was slightly cut about the head and had his back injured, but was able to go about and returned to his home the next day. The accident is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of the rails. The crew of the train, assisted by the repair hands, worked several hours that night before they got the cars on the track. Judge Orvis, of Bellefonte, was among the passengers.

—Elsewhere in our columns will be found the announcement of the Ebensburg Normal School. The school offers superior advantages to the teachers of the county to prepare themselves for teaching. The school has been successfully conducted during former terms and promises well for the coming term. Supt. Strayer will be assisted during the present term by Thomas J Itel, a graduate of the Indiana State Normal School and a successful teacher of the county. Already a number of teachers are enrolled, and those desiring further information should write to the County Superintendent for a circular of the school. The County Superintendent is endeavoring to improve and build up the schools of the county by assisting and encouraging our teachers to qualify themselves for their work. Last term teachers were enrolled from nearly every district in the county and were in attendance from Indiana, Blair and Westmoreland counties. There is a growing demand for better schools and more thoroughly qualified teachers, and our educational institutions were never so well supported as at the present time. The Ebensburg Normal School has now become a permanent school for the teachers of the county and those preparing to teach.

Michael J. Cooper Again.

W. A. B. Little, Esq., of Allegheny township, who was in town on Monday last as a witness in court, requests us to correct several errors of statement in the articles heretofore copied in the FREEMAN from the Johnstown *Tribune*, in relation to Michael J. Cooper, formerly of Chest Springs. It is correctly stated in one of the articles referred to that Cooper was convicted in Potter county on the charge of having stolen a pair of oxen. This was nine months ago, and his sentence was *two* years in the penitentiary and not *ten*, as stated in the article. Nor is it true, as stated, that Cooper a short time ago received a pension certificate for $2,500, although 'Squire Little has information from the Pension Office that there is no doubt of Cooper's application for a pension's being ultimately granted. 'Squire Little states that when he recently visited Cooper in the Western Penitentiary, he saw nothing at all in his conduct and conversation indicating that his mind was in any way affected. Cooper indignantly denies that he ever stole the oxen, or that he had anything more to do with them than simply overtaking them on the public road he was traveling, thus being found along with them when arrested. His trial and conviction seem to us entirely unwarranted, and we have no doubt that the Pardon Board will so view the matter when his case is properly presented to it.

FROM HEMLOCK.

Events Occurring in that Busy Mining Town.

Time shere do not wear a cheerful aspect at present. All the miners in this vicinity are on a strike. The majority of them struck on Friday last, and the remainder on Monday of this week. An advance of ten cents per ton for mining is demanded by the strikers. This the operators refuse to concede, claiming that the market at present will not admit of paying more than thirty-five cents, the price paid for nearly two years. Strikes are an evil that should be avoided by both operators and miners. Why not have recourse to the Wallace Act and settle the matters in dispute by arbitration? It is to be hoped that some arrangements will be made to start up the mines soon.

Rev. Father Brown, of the Catholic church at this place, has been prostrated for the past ten days with a severe attack of rheumatism, combined with a bad cold. He is at present slowly convalescing. Father O'Shea, of St. Francis' College, Loretto, is here at present attending to the clerical duties of the parish.

The fair and festival held in Leahy's Hall during the holidays, and which was open on several occasions since, closed on Saturday night last. The net proceeds, which are for the benefit of the Catholic church, amount to about $500. The following persons won articles at the fair: Christ. Robine, gold-headed cane; Sarah McConlogue, quilt; Jacob Bost, slippers; Maggie Helly, toilet set; Mary Conrad, doll; Elizabeth Leahy, pair of vases; Annie McCloskey, large doll; Carrie Robine, doll; Andy Donahoe, clock; J. C. Brown, album; John G. Criste, set of glassware. A handome fifty-five dollar sewing machine is held over until after Easter.

Mr. Geo. Brant the genial proprietor of the Rush House, is prostrated with an attack of malarial fever. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Among the business changes we note the removal of Martz & Short, grocers, to the building recently purchased by Dr. Devereaux from the executor of M. C. Bradley, dec'd, located on Main street.

Also Mr. F. A. Thompson expects to open his clothing store this week. Mr. Thompson will handle a full line of clothing and gents' furnishing goods exclusively. This store will fill a long felt want, and keep many a dollar here that formerly went to the merchants of Altoona and Johnstown.

The Lilly Cornet Band are holding a festival in Leahy's Hall to-night. St. Patrick's Band, of Gallitzin, are their guests.

Mr. Michael Ryan, of this place, and Miss Mollie Warner, of Summittville, were married in the latter place by Rev. Father Davin, on Tuesday of last week. They have gone to housekeeping in the Devereaux building, on Main street. The young couple are highly respected by all who know them, among which your correspondent offers congratulations and best wishes. C.

Local Institute at Carrolltown.

The following are the proceedings of the institute held at Carrolltown on Monday, March 5, 1886:

MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jos. Bearer, whereupon Mr. Hite was chosen President, and Miss Aggie Yahner Secretary.

The first topic on the program, the study of history in connection with geography, was discussed by Mr. Jos. Kaylor and County Superintendent Strayer. Pupils should learn the situation of places mentioned in history, and the geographical features should be clearly explained.

The next topic, the best manner of teaching orthography, was opened by Mr. Frank Buck. He would have the pupils learn the meaning of every word they spell. Mr. Strayer then explained the derivation of the word orthography. He said it came from the words *orthos* right—and *graphien*—to write. Teachers should pay more attention to the pronunciation of words.

On motion the meeting adjourned, to meet again at one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President, after which the minutes of the morning session were read by the Secretary.

Mr. Strayer spoke of the variety in spelling exercises. He then gave a brief exercise in forming and spelling words.

Mr. Jos. Noel opened the subject of writing. He would have the pupils practice movement exercises. Mr. Strayer said in learning have the pupils write with you.

The study of grammar and its uses, was opened by Mr. Strayer. Grammar is the common, most useful and most universal science of language. Pupils should study grammar practically. At what age and grade should pupils be taught elementary grammar? Question was opened by Mr. J. W. Leech. Grammar does not teach us to use large words which we do not understand. Begin to teach grammar with the chart; the child should be taught to think about the thing, not about the parts of which it is made. Pupils should study grammar as soon as they are ready.

Mr. Jos. Farabaugh then gave his views on the teaching of grammar.

Hon. J. J. Thomas spoke very ably on the advancement of education.

Mr. Strayer illustrated the manner of teaching analysis by diagraming. He then spoke of the many words used incorrectly in language.

Referred questions were answered by Mr. Strayer.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The school directors and teachers present respectfully tender thanks to the able instructors, to the papers publishing this report, and to all who have in any way contributed to the advancement of the good cause of education.

—It is about time now for you to be looking around for your carpets and wall paper for spring. V. S Barker & Bro. have the largest stock of carpets in town, all new patterns and styles, at the lowest prices; also a full line of wall papers from the cheapest to the finest. Don't fail to look at carpets and wall papers at Barkers'.

Death of Mrs. Horne.

Mrs. Eliza Horne, wife of Hon. Nathaniel Horne, died at her home in Johnstown, on last Tuesday morning, after a short illness. The deceased was born in Shellsburg, Bedford county, on February 6, 1823, and was, at the time of her death, in the sixty fourth year of her age. She was married to Mr. Horne in 1843, and was the mother of ten children, five of whom are living. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a faithful and devoted Christian, a good wife and kind mother, and was held in high esteem by all acquainted with her. Her remains were interred in Sandyvale Cemetery, at Johnstown, on Thursday. Peace to her ashes.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well." Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cts. a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25 cts. per box by E. James

—You can buy a splendid article of flour at Barkers' for $1.25 per sack. This flour is warranted to be good, or no sale.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following cases were disposed of last week after we had gone to press:

Com'th vs. —— Bommoth, assault and battery. Jury find defendant not guilty, but that he pay one-half the costs and the prosecutor pay the other half.

Com'th vs. Samuel Bates, false pretense. Jury find defendant not guilty, but that he pay the costs.

Com'th vs. Aaron Walker, murder. This homicide, as stated, happened a couple of weeks ago in Conemaugh borough, and in which Aaron Walker fired a pistol at Celia Fairfax, a colored woman, the ball striking Edward Williams, from the effects of which he died the next day.

After the testimony on the part of the Commonwealth was given, the counsel for the prisoner offered to plead guilty to a verdict of voluntary manslaughter, which the District Attorney, with the consent of the Court, accepted. The jury was directed to bring in a verdict of voluntary manslaughter, which they accordingly did.

SECOND WEEK.

On Monday at one o'clock Court met with Honorable R. L. Johnston, President Judge, and Associate Judges Masters and Flanagan on the bench. The following disposition was made of the cases up to the time of our going to press.

A petition was presented to the Court asking for a writ of inquiry to inquire into the lunacy of Frederick Ream. A writ was awarded, and a jury of six from the regular panel of jurors was called, who, after hearing the testimony, found the said Frederick Ream to be a lunatic.

Demetrius Fairlend vs. Wm. P. Van-Aken—feigned issue. Jury find for plaintiff five cases of dynamite, one battery, and two hundred coils of fuse.

Hiram Shaffer vs. Eliza Pickworth—feigned issue. Jury find for defendant.

Executor of Ezra Goldenberg vs. C. E. Zane—feigned issue. Jury find for plaintiff.

John P. O'Neill vs. Kittanning Insurance Company—appeal from award of arbitrators. Settled.

Executors of Christian Myers, dec'd vs. J. C. Martin—scire facias sur mort. Payment with leave, etc. Continued.

J. C. Morehead vs. Peter Wingard—appeal. Non assumpsit. Continued.

Archie A. Bennett vs. Reuben Boring and George Boring—summons in ejectment. Not guilty. Continued.

Elias Hite and M. Strayer et al. vs. P. Flynn et al.—Not guilty and liberum tenementum. Continued.

W. J. Buck vs. Jacob Stultz—appeal. Payment with leave, etc. Jury find for plaintiff the sum of $82.67.

Adam Bowers vs. Samuel Kelly—appeal. Non assumpsit, payment with leave, etc. After jury sworn, plaintiff becomes non suit.

B. P. Anderson vs. Albert Owen and Harry Hoffman—summons in ejectment. Not guilty. Jury find for plaintiff land described in the writ.

Mary Burns, for use, vs. the Pennsylvania R. R. Company—summons in case. Not guilty. Continued.

Simonz Hill vs. Levi Ream—appeal. Payment with leave and tender of judgment. Continued.

J. A. Noecomaker vs. C. C. Co. and N. Y. Short Route R. R. Company—assumpsit. Non assumpsit, payment, etc. Judgment confessed for $641.25.

Thomas Johnston vs. Jacob Trefts—assumpsit. Non assumpsit, payment, etc. Settled.

Charles Farabaugh vs. Davis Bracken—appeal. On trial.

SENTENCES IMPOSED.

On Wednesday the Court passed sentence on Ellwood Gordon, who was convicted of murder in the second degree, as follows: That he pay a fine of one hundred dollars to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for a term of twelve years.

Also on Aaron Walker, who was convicted of manslaughter, as follows: That he pay a fine of one hundred dollars and the costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for a term of ten years.

YOU HAVE often seen women with marked paleness or face, vitiated appetites, and a craving for unwholesome food. These are signs of a disordered liver, and the trouble must be corrected or worse results are sure to follow. Husbands and fathers cannot afford to treat this matter lightly. Dr. Kennedy's "Favorite Remedy," which dispels liver disease, costs less than sick wives and daughters. You will find it a profitable investment.

Alden's Library Magazine.

which is generally acknowledged to be the most enterprising and most valuable of the eclectic monthlies, and quite beyond all rivalry in its low price ($1.50 a year or fifteen cents a copy), presents the following attractive contents in its March number: Mr. Gladstone as a Theologian, fly S. Laing; A Pedantic Nuisance, by Frederic Harrison; The "Tyrants" of Britain, Gaul and Spain, by Edward A. Freeman; Impressions of a Modern Arcadian, by Mrs. Nicholl; Myths and Mythologists, by Andrew Lang; My Contested Election, by a Defeated Candidate; British Columbia, by Wm. A. Baillie Grohman; Home Rule in Ireland, by Justin McCarthy; Actors and Their Calling, by K. S. S.; The Care of Pictures and Prints, by P. G. Hamerton; Tea Culture and Tea Drinking in Japan, by E. A. Junker van Langegg; On the Pleasure of Reading, by Sir John Lubbock; Ireland, and the Victoria Colony, by A. V. Dicey. Single copies of the Magazine are sold for fifteen cents, though the type is large and the amount of matter given is nearly equal to that of thirty-five cent monthlies, John B. Alden, Publisher, New York.

Attention, Ladies!

I am closing out a large lot of Buttons from 1c. per doz. up.
Kid Gloves, from 37 cts up.
Handkerchiefs, from 5 cts. up.
Embroideries, from 1c. per yard up.
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Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hose, from 5 cts. up.
Corsets, from 25 cts. up.
These are goods which I have marked down and am selling out to make room for a full stock of spring goods, and I am selling them at these prices for cash only.

MRS. R. E. JONES.

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That a contaminating and foreign element in the blood, developed by indigestion, is the cause of rheumatism. This settles upon the sensitive sub cutaneous covering of the muscles and ligaments of the joints, causing constant and shifting pain, and aggregating as a calcareous, chalky deposit which produces stiffness and distortion of the joints. No fact, which experience has demonstrated in regard to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, has stronger evidence to support than this, namely, that this medicine of comprehensive uses checks the formidable and atrocious disease, nor is it less positively established that it is preferable to the poisons often used to arrest it, since the medicine contains only salutory ingredients. It is also a signal remedy for malarial fevers, constipation, dyspepsia, kidney and bladder ailments, debility and other disorders. See that you get the genuine.

Buggies and Harness.

I have shipped a car load of the celebrated John A. Magee buggies and a lot of fine single harness to Ebensburg, which I will sell at prices to suit the times. These buggies and harness are superior in every way to any that I have ever handled in this county, and I have sold three hundred here in two years. E. J. DUNKLE, Ag't.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court since last week:

Lewis F. Link, Jackson township, and Lucy M. Stuver, West Taylor township.

A. S. Story and Amanda Myers, South Fork.

John R. Smith, of Chicago, Ill., and Emily A. Royer, Johnstown.

OBITUARY.

DENNY.—Died, at his residence in Allegheny City, on Monday, March 1, 1886, Mr. Charles Denny, in his 54th year.

Mr. Denny was born in Duncansville, Blair county, but his parents having removed to Pittsburg while he was yet young, the greater part of his early life was spent in that city and he acquired a good education. About twenty-one years ago he was married to Miss Sarah Jane Kennedy, of Lilly's, Cambria county, who, with their three children—two boys and a girl—survives him, to mourn the loss of one of the best and most devoted of husbands. The deceased was a man of generous impulses, an upright citizen, a faithful friend, a good neighbor, and, above all, a dutiful Christian, and enjoyed the good will of all who knew him. In his last painful illness he had all the consolations of religion, and died, as he had ever lived, in the communion of the Catholic Church. While sympathizing most heartily with his children, who have lost one of the best and most loving of fathers, his widow and friends, in their sorrow, more poignant because of other recent deaths in the family, we cannot but rejoice that he has gone to receive the reward of a well-spent life at the call of Him who does all things wisely. On Wednesday following his death his remains were conveyed to the Summit, this county, where he had requested they should be interred, and, after the funeral services and an eloquent sermon by Rev. Father Davin, they were consigned to the tomb, and the sorrowing friends turned sadly from the spot, but with the consoling conviction that if they die as he did they will meet again in a happy eternity.

JAMES.—Died, at her residence in Ebensburg, on Saturday, March 6, 1886, Mrs. Ann James, aged about 70 years.

Fearfully Common.

Kidney Complaints Among Both Sexes and All Ages—Brilliant Recovery.

There is something startling in the rapid increase of kidney diseases among the American people within a few years past. Many causes peculiar to certain classes tend to produce and aggravate these troubles—as, for example, careless living, overwork and exposure. Dr. David Kennedy, of Rondout, N. Y., is often congratulated on the exceptional success of his medicine called "Favorite Remedy" in arresting and radically curing these most painful and dangerous disorders. Proofs of this, like the following, are constantly brought to his attention, and are published by him for the sake of thousands of other sufferers whom he desires to reach and benefit.—The letter, therefore, may be of vital importance to you or to some one whom you know. It is from one of the best known and popular druggists in the fine and growing city from which he writes, where those interested may find Mr. Crawford at his place of business on the corner of Main and Union streets:

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., March 23, 1884.

Dr. David Kennedy, Rondout, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—For ten years I had been afflicted with kidney disease in its most acute form. What I suffered must be left to the imagination, for no one can appreciate it except those who have gone through it. I resorted to many physicians and to many different kinds of treatment, and spent a great deal of money, only to find myself older and worse than ever. I may say that I used twenty-five bottles of a preparation widely advertised as a specific for this precise sort of troubles, and found it entirely useless—at least to me. Your "FAVORITE REMEDY" I can say it with a perfect recollection of all that was done for me besides is the *only* thing that did me the slightest good, and I am happy to admit that it gave me permanent relief. I have recommended "FAVORITE REMEDY" to many people for kidney disease, and they all agree with me in saying that DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY has not its equal in the wide world for this distressing and often fatal complaint. Use this letter as you deem best for the benefit of others. Yours, &c., LYMAN CRAWFORD.

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the popular favorite for dressing the hair. Restoring color when gray, and preventing dandruff. It cleanses the scalp, stops the hair falling, and is sure to please. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists.

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The best Cough Cure you can use, And the best preventive known for Consumption. It cures bodily pains, and all disorders of the Stomach, Bowels, Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Urinary Organs and all Female Complaints. The feeble and delicate, struggling against disease, and slowly drifting towards the grave, will in most cases recover their health by the timely use of Parker's Tonic, but delay is dangerous. Take it in time. Sold by all Druggists in large bottles at $1.00.

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The safest, surest, quickest and best cure for Corns, Bunions, Warts, Moles, Callouses, &c. Hindercorns stop the pain instantly. Stops all pain. Gives immediate relief. Makes the feet comfortable. Hindercorns saves wearers of tight shoes when everything else fails. Sold by Druggists or by mail for 15 cents. Hiscox & Co., N. Y.

Notice of Appeals.

NOTICE is hereby given that Appeals will be held at the Commissioners' Office, in the Borough of Ebensburg, on the following named days, for the different districts:

Monday, March 22d.

Adams, Allegheny, Barr, Blacklick, Upper Yoder and Lower Yoder Townships.

Tuesday, March 23d.

Carroll, Cambria, Croyle and Richland Townships, and Carrolltown and Grubtown Boroughs.

Wednesday, March 24th.

Washington, Chest, Elder and Portage Townships, and the 1st and 2d wards of Cambria Boro'.

Thursday, March 25th.

Reade, White, Munster, Gallitzin and Dean Townships and Gallitzin, Tunnelhill and Chest Springs Boroughs.

Friday, March 26th.

Conemaugh, Clearfield and Stonycreek Townships, and 1st and 2d wards of Conemaugh Borough.

Monday, March 29th.

First, Second and Third wards of Johnstown Borough, and Prospect Borough.

Tuesday, March 30th.

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards of Johnstown Borough.

Wednesday, March 31st.

Susquehanna Township, Coopersdale and Wilmore Boroughs, and East and West Taylor Townships.

Thursday, April 1st.

East Conemaugh, Franklin, Loretto and Lilly Boroughs, and Jackson and Summerhill Townships.

Friday, April 2d.

First and Second wards of Millville Borough, Woodvale Borough, and East and West wards of Ebensburg Borough.

Appeals on unseated lands will be held on the same date as seated lands.

The Assessors are required by law to attend on the day of appeals for their districts.

JOHN KIRBY,
JAMES COSTLOW,
DAVID HAMILTON,
Commissioners.

Attest:
D. A. McGOUGH, Clerk.

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5-ANNUAL TERM-5

A Thorough, Practical and Progressive School for the Teachers of the County. Will open on

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P. O. Box 208, Ebensburg, Pa.
March 12, 1886.-6t.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democracy of Cambria County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Register and Recorder at the ensuing Democratic Primary Election.

CELESTINE J. BLAIR.

Ebensburg, Pa., Feb. 26, 1886.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democracy of Cambria County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register and Recorder, subject to the decision of the next Democratic Primary Election.

THOMAS HOOVER.

Cambria township, March 5, 1886.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democratic Voters of Cambria County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register and Recorder, to be made at your next Primary Election.

GEORGE C. MILLER.

Conemaugh Borough, March 12, 1886.

COSTIVENESS

affects seriously all the digestive and assimilative organs, including the Kidneys. When these organs are so affected, they fail to extract from the blood the uric acid, which, carried through the circulation, causes **Rheumatism** and **Neuralgia.**

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Bilious Disorders.

Among the warning symptoms of Biliousness are Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Weakness, Fever, Dimness of Vision, Yellowness of Skin, Pains in the Side, Back and Shoulders, Foul Mouth, Furred Tongue, Irregularity in the action of the Bowels, Vomiting, etc.

The Stomach suffers when the bowels are constipated, and Indigestion or

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

The following persons have filed "Petitions for License" with the Clerk of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County to be presented to the Court on Monday, March 15, 1886:

ADAMS TOWNSHIP.

Tavern—John Orris.

ALLEGHENY TWP.

Tavern—Fred. Bush.

BARR TWP.

Tavern—Eberhart Gessler.

CAMBRIA BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.

Quart—Patrick Green, Patrick Scanlan; Tavern—Elizabeth Judge, Bridget Howe, Charles Boyle, John Waters, John Kuntz, Patrick McLaughlin, Peter Fitzpatrick, Patrick Boyle, Barnatius Fisher, Edward Hayes, Francis E. Kelly, Peter Roth, Hugh McConnell, Henry Saly, Jacob Hartman, Frank Kurtz; Eating House—Martin Logan.

CAMBRIA BOROUGH—SECOND WARD.

Tavern—John Lysett, David Burkhard, George Akner, Jacob Shaffer, John Sheffauer, Michael Curley, Peter Toner, John E. Foes.

CARROLLTOWN BOROUGH.

Tavern—Lawrence Schroth, A. H. Haug, H. A. Englehart, James Stolz & Co., Edward L. Binder; Eating House—Frederick Eger, Mrs. B. A. Blum, John Stolz; Quart—J. J. Haug & Bro., Gray & Williams.

CASE TOWNSHIP.

Tavern—Thomas Weakland, James A. Hagley.

CHEST TOWNSHIP.

Tavern—Joseph Rhody.

CHEST SPRINGS BOROUGH.

Tavern—John Crouse, Mary A. Hoerle.

CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP

Eating House—F. S. Burgoon.

CONEMAUGH BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.

Tavern—P. S. Freidhoff, Earhart Maist, John Karr, George Held, John Gaus, Philip Hertzinger Frederick Reuter, John Karl, Charles Munser.

CONEMAUGH BOROUGH—SECOND WARD.

Tavern—Benjamin Klet, Josiah Swank, Albert Leckey, Charles Hoffman, F. Oscar Werther, Benedict Eger, Andrew Fitzsimmons, Unity Davey, Catharine A. Sloan, Laura Tookey, Mrs. Anna Ernst, Kate Walcher.

CONEMAUGH TWP.

Eating House—Mrs. Lena Shaffer.

CROYLE TWP.

Tavern—Charles N. Crouse, Peter Brown, John D. Wentroth, Henry Hartman, A. J. Skelly, Jas. Mulherron, John Gill.

DEAN TWP.

Tavern—Thomas Dunphy, Leonard Hollis, J. J. Rhody; Quart—D. G. Myers; Eating House—F. D. & Chas. Burgoon.

EAST CONEMAUGH BOR.

Tavern—John Furlong, George A. Confer, William J. Canon, Margaret Kelly.

EBENSBURG—EAST WARD.

Tavern—J. B. Denny.

EBENSBURG—WEST WARD.

Tavern—John A. Blair, John Bender, P. F. Brown.

ELDER TWP.

Tavern—Francis X. Ott, Charles Endler; Eating House—Jacob S. Kline.

FRANKLIN BOR.

Tavern—Peter Rubrits.

GALLITZIN BOR.

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Items Relating to Farm, Live Stock, Orchard, Garden and Lawn.

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Sow annuals for early.

There is a double oxalis.

Neatness is its own reward.

Prune the grapes at once.

Plumbs do best on a clay loam.

Suppose you get up a stoneboat now.

One florist forces sweet peas in winter.

Hens are early risers; feed to correspond.

All flowers naturally turn towards the light.

Plow one year to the trees; the next away from them.

The most active roots of a tree are far from the trunk.

Early orders at the nurseries will secure good selections.

Kill every plant louse; these increase rapidly from now on.

Plant the Favorite or the Optimus tomato and you'll not miss it.

The sweet vernal grass in pastures gives a fine flavor to dairy products.

Eggs laid without shells come from overfeeding, and lack of lime in the food.

For a sure catch, many prefer to sow clover seed in February than to do it later.

Hen's eggs hatch in twenty days, turkeys and ducks in twenty-eight days, and geese in thirty days.

A dab of mucilage around the base of camellia flowers will hold their petals much longer from falling.

For the hot-bed choose soil from a nice, rich patch where there were neither many weeds nor injurious insects last season.

If your farm doesen't pay consider whether it owes you anything. You may not have given it the plant food and substance that would entitle you to large returns from its bosom.

Rats are a pest about the chicken yards. Cats sometimes are almost as bad when there are young chickens about. Do you know how the former detest chloride of lime? If this is scattered about their runs freely they will clear out.

In starting Canna seeds, first soak in warm, but not hot, water for four days. Then plant in a pot of light earth in the warmest window you have; with this treatment they will shoot up like peas. The fact is we always enjoy growing these plants from seed; they come along so finely.

A York State farmer raised 100 bushels of shelled corn to the acre. It was from land that had been two years in clover. Under each hill was placed a handful of hen manure, dusted with lime. This is a fertilizer that will bring good returns every time, but it must not come in direct contact with seeds and roots.

Notwithstanding the many new sorts of peas offered, our readers will not miss it by planting the First and Best for extra early. Others that should be used are American Wonder for dwarf, Premium Gem and Yorkshire Slivo for general crop, and Champion of England for late. Abundance, Stratagem, Esen-bearing and Market Garden, are all worthy of trial.

Some men have great difficulty in marking out, and are obliged to use a line and reel in order to get the rows straight. A good way to do this is to use a wheelbarrow as a marker. Nail a crosspiece against the front board to project on both sides of the barrow.—To this, at such a distance from the centre on each side as you want the rows apart, attach a piece of chain to drag on the ground. Then pass back and forth across the patch to be marked, being guided by the last mark made.—The idea in using a wheelbarrow is, that there is little chance of its diverting sideways, and straight rows may easily be made.

In speaking of exercise for hens, an exchange says: With laying begun there will be an appetite for more food; with more food there should be more exercise. But the weather is unfavorable to this outside, so there should be gotten up some kind of a scratching box for chickens. Most any kind of a light, dry material in the box into which some grain has been scattered, and worked in a little with the foot will do. Remember now that hens, more than any other live stock, naturally exercise themselves in gathering food. It's roam, scratch and peck almost constantly. It is policy now to meet this natural want. How easily done.

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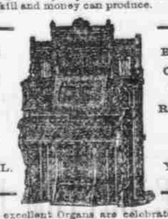

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